Non-implementation of legislation for health and safety etc. of workers

3971. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that thousands of workers are dying every year for non-implementation of existing legislation for health, safety and standard; and

(b) whether Government has the statistics available about the exact number of workers died in metro Railway, golden quadrilateral roads, East West corridor roads and in other construction and irrigation and power projects in the year of 2006-07 and 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Houses to victims for floods and cyclones under IAY

3972. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether sanction for houses under Indira Awas Yojana is provided to the victims who have lost their dwellings due to floods and cyclones;

(b) if so, whether any financial assistance under the above Yojana has been provided to the people of 16 districts of Andhra Pradesh who were affected by cyclones and floods in August, 2006;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not taking up the pleas from Andhra Pradesh while rendering such assistance to Orissa and Bihar earlier?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) As per guidelines of Indira Awas Yojana, up to 10% of district's annual allocation of funds under IAY or Rs. 50.00 lakh (including State share), whichever is higher, can be released to a district for construction of houses damaged due to natural calamities, for which proposals should come through the State Government containing, *inter alia*, the information regarding nature and period of natural calamity, extent of damage, list of BPL families whose houses have been damaged and are required to be reconstructed, State Government's commitment to release State matching share and a certificate that no assistance for this purpose has been provided to them from any other source.

(b) to (d) A proposal for release of additional funds under natural calamity component to 12 districts of Andhra Pradesh was received from Andhra Pradesh State Housing Corporation Limited, *vide* letter dated 26.3.2007. Certain clarifications were sought from the Corporation, *vide* this Ministry's letter dated 15.5.2007 requesting, *inter alia*, to submit the proposal through the State Government. However, the proposal from the State Government alongwith the reply to the queries raised by this Ministry is still awaited in spite of a reminder dated 4.1.2008.